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Dear Chris,

My plans were to email you while onboard the ship en-route to Tern Island. However, I have been suffering the worst case of wavy gravy ever (for me) & unable to do much. Here's a quick & dirty on the HMS situation.

Aerial survey resulted in sighting 8 HMS's. Of those 8, 5 were "examined" close enough on the ground to assess health. These 5 appeared (by previously established standards) in good health. No ell was observed. Two were identified as female, 1 as male, and 2 of unknown sex. None of the seals that had been observed during the previous Kipu Kai observations were resignted during this survey.

An additional note: the 2 individuals we were most concerned with resignting (KW01 and KK02) have yet to be resignted and so their health status at this time is unknown. Effort should be made to observe them both.

That's about it - you can reach me hore with any questions.

Thanks,

Melissa